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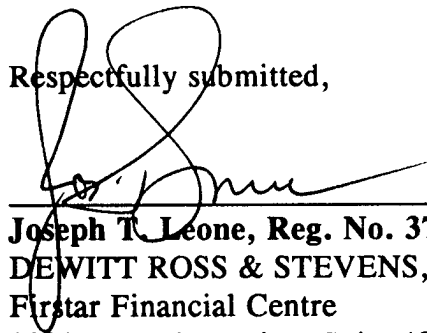
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Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated January 16, 2002, for two months from April 16, 2002, to June 16, 2002. The granting of the requested extension of time will not extend the period for response beyond the six-month statutory limit.

A check for \$200 is enclosed to cover the petition fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-2055.

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